### **BEHIND THE SCENES IN POLITICS**

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The ordinary political convention is
a collection of wild animals, whose antics are extremely amusing, but absolately without form and void. Nothing
outside of a cage full of monkeys can
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certain districts in the country, there
may be a dispute about some delegates, these claiming the right to repinterludes. They smile grimly, get a
fresh grip on their cigars and elevate
the weeds reminiscently in a skyward
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which has the power to review these
disputes in the various districts or
wards. and fondly imagines that he realy is of some importance in the gathering; that is, he does if he is a "green hand." If he is a seasoned campaigner he knows that he merely "repre-sents the people," and the chairman he knows that he merely 'represents the people,' and the chairman and secretary of the convention 'represent' the delegates, and the 'bosses' 'represent' the chairman and secretary. By means of this sliding scale of actual power it will be seen that the 'bosses' represent the people!

It was my deep delight to have attended a number of political conventions. The 'will of the people' stood about 'deuce high' in the political deck. The will of the 'bosses' was always the 'ace,' and it could be and was turned from the bottom or top just as the emergencies demanded.

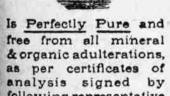
Imagine a long, low, rakish ball, the atmosphere a wavy blue with tobacco moke. Aisles are cut through to the platform, generally three in number, to admit of committees on this, that and the other to go forward to the platform and hand in their cut-and dried communications. The different model and districts are ranged about wards and districts are ranged about the hall each with its particular spot to stay in, like checkers on a board before the game begins. Many of before the game begins. Many of the delegates are in their shirtsleeves, and many are talking wildly, gesticulat-ing powerfully and in other ways mold-ing the destinies of their country. The rery few who are not smoking are chok-

On the platform are two tables, at which the chairman of the convention sits, he having been chosen by the powers that be. He is a mere puppet heir hands, understanding what want, and at any and all times ready to carry out their wishes. retary is a mere echo: the assistant secretaries mere assistant echoes. Two or three highly respectable stoughton-bottles of various titles sit stenghton bottles of various titles sit on the stage to deceive the unintelligent observer into the belief that things are "on the square." A pitcher of water is on the chairman's desk, for he will open the convention with a speech. In that speech he will glorly the proud history of his own party and skin, salt and nuil to the political smoke house the hide of the opposite party. This is a species of buncombe which is always indulged in.

Sometimes a convention is opened with prayer. This is something which can not be touched on at length, for the devil himself could not conceive a more grotesque blasphemy. Most conventions are opened with political "jimmies," being burglarious aggregations beyond together for purposes. "jimmies," being burglarious aggregations, brought together for purposes of plundering men of their political rights. The chairman has his speech earefully learned by heart, and he is scholarly, terse, dense, flowery, and long-winded. But he finally subsides, and then, after the committees' reports and the platform are finished, and some more political red tape is gotten through with, the work of nominating candidates is begun. But before the convention has reached the point of being ready to vote there have been a number of battles fought a finish before the various committees on credentials.

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No one but the contestants and the No one but the contestants and the committee and the other delegates are allowed in the committee rooms in these contests, it being a sort of family affair. Usually, the contests are determined according to the way the "bosses" want them to be decided, but if it doesn't matter about a vote or two, the "bosses" allow the committee to do as it pleases. Evidence is heard, speeches are made and the committee picks the winner.

The "bosses" keep accurate "tab" on the number of votes they need, but are ready to achieve results by any means they consider necessary. One unsented delegate rushed madly up to a "boss" on the floor of the convention and screeched out: "What d'ye mean by throwin' me out? There ain't no contest on me at all." The "boss" looked smilingly down at the flery face of his questioner, surmounted by its bright red covering of locks, and responded urbanely: "I don't like the color of your hair." And the delegate remained "unseated." Men were let out of their delegations for any or no reasons. The only question was to have the majority, or at least the loudest and most puguacitis minority. est and most pugnacious minority. This latter, with the able aid of the chairman and the secretary, will enable any combination to jam through the

chairman and the secretary, will enable any combination to jam through the nomination of their candidate.

Supposing for instance, that Smith is the candidate the ''hosses'' want, and Jones the opposition candidate. The Seventh ward, we will say is called on and the chairman of the delegation roars out ''Fourteen votes for Jones and one for Smith.'' An assistant secretary repeats to the main secant secretary repeats to the main sec ant secretary repeats to the main secretary, "Fourteen votes for Smith and one for Jones," and it is so recorded. The chairman from the Seventh ward may think the vote of his delegation has been recorded properly. Sometimes, when things appear to be running too close, they will not even give the opposition candidate any votes until the "bosses" candidate is safe. Any motion for a roll-call is "gaveled down," by the chairman, and the sergeauts at arms, always chosen by the "bosses." are eager to eject any obbosses.' are eager to eject any

streperous patriot who begins any jargon about his "rights."
To "gavel down" a motion is simply to hammer on the table with the gavel and proclaim that a motion has been "carried," or "defeated." instance you want it to go. In this way just as you want it to go. In this way, no matter what the majority is, the "bosses" and the chairman and secretaries can thwart the will of any convention, unless the convention splits and a "bolt" is started. To "bolt" is to leave the hall, organize a separate is to leave the hall, organize a separate convention, and proceed as though the other convention was not in existence.

This is a last resort, and is soldom done. Delegates are timid, and they rarely have any independent action. They may fume in private, but they 'take the gaff' in public. Party fealty, party cohesion, party this, that and the other weighs on them and makes them cowards. For the most part the delegates hone to get some the delegates hope to get some crumbs from the party table and they fear to revolt, knowing well they will be marked men with "the organiza-NEW SKIN REMEDY

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Occasionally some fossil of respectability, galvanized into spasmodic action by something particularly brazen on the part of the powers that run the convention, will get up from the platform, where he is supposed to be acquiescent to the programme, and start the animals by a fiery diatribe against the bare-faced robbery going on under his very nose. At such a time it is really delightful to see the perfect respect in which his remarks are listened to by the chairman and the "bosses." His remarks may be punctured by cheers by the malcontents in the delegates seats, but the "strong-arm" contingent governed by the "bosses sits quietly until he fires his broadside. Then possibly a "boss" gets up, or the chairman gets in a

the "bosses" sits quietly until he fires his broadside. Then possibly a "boss" gets up, or the chairman gets in a happy remark or two, and there is a thunder-roll of applause from the "bosses" gang. The respectable gentleman has simply talked for the pleasure of having his cerebellum vibrate. He might as well bave recited "Mary had a little lamb."

Our ward stood eight to seven in one convention, and our chairman an nounced it correctly. He was an opponent of mine, but he did not try to change the vote. But when the vote was announced from the stage it was fifteen for the ather side. Several of us velled "bloody murder" at the steal, but, bless you, that convention went right ahead with its business as easily as if seven men standing upright in their seats and howling "Mister Chairman; Mister Chairman, was a mere tableau and nothing that concerned the convention in the remotest degree.

By the way, convention oratory is divided into two kinds, the "turned loose" and the "squelched." The "bosses" and the chairman have their eyes on their own orators, and very little latitude is allowed the opposition "jawsmiths." It is laughable to watch the frantic gyrations of some silver-tongued word-juggler, especially if he be a young man, who is trying to get the chairman's eye in order to let off a philippic against the chairman's tyranus. His companions may hoist bim high on a chair, where he balances himself precariously while he shrieks "Meestair Chairman." and froths like something stricken with hydrophobia, but the chairman goes placidly on. "Twenty second ward, 18 for Smith" is the announcement, when hydrophobia, but the chairman goes placidly on "Twenty-second ward. Is for Smith" is the announcement, when in fact the announcement was just the other way. This raises a counter-irritant, and the Twenty-second ward delegation goes on the war-path. But, tush, what's the use? The game goes merrily on, and at last the youthful orator is let down from his pinnacle and expends his energy in loud talk in his immediate vicinity, until some low browed gentleman advises him to "cut it out," at the same time casting

#### By ERNEST McGAFFEY

How Conventions Are Managed.

a perfectly annihilating look in his direction.

The old stagers always enjoy these interludes. They smile grimly, get a fresh grip on their eigars and elevate the weeds reminiscently in a skyward angle. They keep watchful cognizance when their wards are about to be reached and, if chairmen, rise instantly at the word, shout clearly the vote and, whether it be recorded right or wrong, they settle down stoically into the attitude of mere spectators. Far be it from them to "holler" if the cards are "stacked" against them. They would do the same if they had the power. The other fellows have the whip-hand today; when it shifts they will give their opponents the same dose. But to envert around on the floor wailing out "Meestair Chairmann," not for them. They are too wise to resort to such puer-They are too wise to resort to such pue ile foolishness.

Nothing can exceed the perfect re-pose which marks the proceedings as relates to the officers and head men who have it in charge. There is not a shadow of a smile on the counte-nances of the chairman and his assist-ants, and the "bosses" move around ants, and the "bosses" move around on the floor of the convention or as-cend to the platform with an entirely serious and virtuous air which would indicate extreme self-sacrifice and the most absolute fairness to their op-

But once the business is concluded over the cigars and cocktails these genial gentlemen will unbend and re-late delightedly and with rare humor the amusing comedies played on the convention floor. They have remem-bered the very voices and gestures of the reformers and patriots, they can imitate, and perfectly, the surprised scream of the plundered delegation, or the stentorian yawp of the hard-boiled orator. They enjoy these things with the gusto of the connoisseur, the po-litical bon vivant. But at the hall, and in the midst of the carnage, they are as suave as panthers and as remorse-less as cannibals. "Everything goes in politics," is their motto, that is,

everything but honesty.

Coming back from my last political convention I met Jack Derby in the "smoker." Jack was from the ward next to mine, and I had missed him just before the voting began. I had noticed a stranger in his seat when I came in rather late, but still in time to vote. Jack was moody and bis head was done up in a grandy handkershief. was done up in a gaudy handkerchief. "What's up?" I said to him "I didn't see you when the votes were being

see you when the votes were being cast."

"They thrun me out," was his reply. "I went over to see a friend o' mine in the Fourteenth and when I got back to me seat they was a guy there in it. I grabbed him and he caught hold of me arms. The 'sarge' (sergeant at arms) came runnin up an' this guy gives him the wink an 'says this feller's a pick-pocket. Before I could hand him one the 'sarge' grabs me—he's seven feet long and four feet through—and he wings me to the door through-and he wings me to the door in four jumps and fires me by the neek and pants. See? An' I lose me vote an' I don't get in the hall again." "That's tough, Jack," was my con-

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